



**COTSWOLD**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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## **CABINET**

A meeting of the Cabinet will be held at Council Chamber - Trinity Road on **Monday, 6 February 2023 at 6.00 pm.**

Rob Weaver  
Chief Executive

To: Members of the Cabinet  
(Councillors Joe Harris, Mike Evemy, Rachel Coxcoon, Tony Dale, Andrew Doherty, Jenny Forde, Juliet Layton and Lisa Spivey)

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# AGENDA

1. **Apologies**
2. **Declarations of Interest**  
To receive any declarations of interest from Members and Officers, relating to items to be considered at the meeting.
3. **Minutes (Pages 5 - 8)**  
To approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023
4. **Chair's Announcements**
5. **Public Questions**  
To deal with questions from the public within the open forum question and answer session of fifteen minutes in total. Questions from each member of the public should be no longer than two minutes each and relate to issues under the Committee's remit.
6. **Member Questions**  
To deal with written questions by Members, relating to issues under the Committee's remit, with the maximum length of oral supplementary questions at Committee being no longer than one minute. Responses to any supplementary questions will be dealt with in writing if they cannot be dealt with at the meeting.
7. **Fees and Charges (Pages 9 - 32)**  
Purpose  
The purpose of this report is to present a revised schedule of fees and charges for 2023/24. The report also describes the rationale for the revised charges compared to current charges for 2022/23. Revised charges are presented at Annex A alongside current charges for 2022/23.  
  
Recommendations  
That Cabinet resolves to:
  1. Endorse the rationale for revising fees and charges as set out in the report;
  2. Approves the implementation of revised fees and charges for 2023/24 as detailed in Annex A from 1 April 2023; and
  3. Approves the proposal set out at paragraphs 2.4 to 2.6 in relation to Pest Control services
8. **Car Parking - Review of Season Ticket Pricing (Pages 33 - 42)**  
Purpose  
Further to the report considered by Cabinet on 10 January 2022, this report proposes an updated pricing strategy for car park season tickets which is linked to the 'pay and stay' tariff and current demand for season tickets at specific car parking sites.  
  
Recommendations  
That Cabinet:
  - a) Approves the adoption of the car park season ticket pricing methodology set out at

paragraphs 2.10 to 2.16

- b) Approves the adoption of revised car park season ticket charges set out at paragraphs 2.17 to 2.22 effective from 1 April 2023; and
- c) Notes the current position with regard to the lease of the Whiteway car park site (paragraphs 2.29 to 2.32)
- d) Delegate the consideration of the consultation response to the Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Cabinet Member for the Economy and Transformation

9. **Public Toilet Financial Review (Pages 43 - 50)**

Purpose

To inform Cabinet of the overall cost of public toilet provision, and to provide options for revising charges. Additional resource has been set aside within the capital programme to equip all sites with cash and card payment systems.

Recommendations

That Cabinet resolves to:

- Endorse the inclusion of £50,000 within the Council's Capital Programme (considered elsewhere on the agenda) to allow for the potential installation of cash and card payment facilities at all sites;
- Delegate the decision to install cash and card payment facilities on a site-by-site basis to the Group Manager for Resident Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services in line with the process set out at paragraph 2.5;
- Approve a waiver of the Council's Contract Rules for the reason set out at paragraph 2.6;
- Approve an increase in service charges to 40p at all chargeable sites with effect from 1 April 2023 in line with the options appraisal presented at paragraphs 2.8 to 2.13.

10. **Planned Expenditure of the Homelessness Prevention Grant 2023-24 (Pages 51 - 68)**

Purpose

To consider the planned expenditure of the Homelessness Prevention Grant for 2023 – 2025

Recommendations

It is recommended that Cabinet resolves to:

- Approve the expenditure detailed within section 2 of this report
- Approve the recommendation to extend the current Fixed Term Contract posts until 2025, detailed in paragraph 2.7
- Approve the delegation of any amendments to these allocations to the Business Manager - Housing in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and the Chief Finance Officer subject to compliance with the ring fenced grant conditions
- Approve the delegation of decisions on any other uplifts or grants that may be given over the financial years 2023/24 and 2024/25 to address increased demands on the Housing Service be given to the Business Manager - Housing in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing Chief Finance Officer subject to compliance with the ring fenced grant conditions.

11. **2023/24 Revenue Budget, Capital Programme and Medium Term Financial Strategy**  
(Pages 69 - 210)

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present the budget for 2023/24.

Recommendations

Cabinet are requested to consider and approve for recommendation to Council:

- (a) the Medium-Term Financial Strategy set out in Annex B
- (b) the Savings and Transformation items for inclusion in the budget, set out in Annex C
- (c) the Council Tax Requirement of £6,310,795 for this Council
- (d) the Council Tax level for Cotswold District Council purposes of £148.93 for a Band D property in 2023/24 (an increase of £5)
- (e) the Capital Programme, set out in Annex D
- (f) the Annual Capital Strategy 2023/24, as set out in Annex E
- (g) the Annual Treasury Management Strategy and Non-Treasury Management Investment Strategy 2023/24, as set out in Annex F
- (h) the Strategy for the Flexible use of Capital Receipts, as set out in Annex H
- (i) the balances and reserves forecast for 2023/24 to 2026/27 as set out in Section 5 of the report

Cabinet are recommended to approve delegation to the Council's Deputy Chief Executive, in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance

- (j) for any changes to the General Fund Summary arising from the Local Government Finance Settlement and the Business Rates Retention Scheme estimates prior to submission to Council

12. **Schedule of Decisions taken by the Leader of the Council and/or Individual Cabinet Members**

There are no Cabinet Member Decisions to note since the last meeting

13. **Issue(s) Arising from Overview and Scrutiny and/or Audit**

To note any issues or feedback from either the Overview and Scrutiny Committee or the Audit Committee.

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